

The Five-Step Process to Confirm the Feast of Purim

9: 20-32

While the main theme of the book of **Esther** is the deliverance of **the Jewish people** in **Persia** from destruction, the end result is the celebration of **the feast of Purim**. These verses outline **a five-step process** by which the deliverance of **the Jews** came to remember the festival annually:

- (1) the letter of **Mordecai instructing the Jews** that the festival should be held on the fourteenth and fifteenth of Adar (9:20-22);
- (2) **the Jews agreeing** to continue the celebration they had begun (9:23-25);
- (3) the **naming** of the feast (9:26a);
- (4) **remembering** the feast would happen once each year (9:26b-28); and
- (5) a second **confirming** letter was sent by **Queen Esther** and **Mordecai the Jew** (9:29-32).